Invasion of Canada, 1775-1776.

Hoping to deprive Britain of a base for attack on the revolutionary colonies, Congress authorized an invasion of Canada under the direction of General Montgomery. Although Montreal was occupied -- as reported here in Capt. Dearborn's Journal -- and Quebec besieged, the attempt ultimately failed.

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A Journal kept by Capt. Henry Deanborne, of the

Proceedings, and Particular occurrences, which happened within my knowledge, to the Troops, under the Command of Colonel Benedict Arnold, in the year 1776

Which Troops were detached from the American Army Lying before the Town of Boston, for the purpose of Marching to, and taking possession of Quebec:

Said detachment consisted of Eleven hundred Men, Two Battalians of Musket-men, and three Companies of Rifle-men as Light-Infantry

Officers of the 1st Battalion.

Lieut. Colo. [illegible]
Maj. Bellows
Capt. Thomas Williams
Capt. Henry Deanborne
Capt. Scott
Capt. Oliver Hanchett
Capt. William Goodrich

Officers of the 2. Battalion.

Lieut. Colo. Christopher Green
Maj. Timothy Piggotbe
Capt. Saml. Ward
Capt. Simeon Thayer
Capt. John Topham
Capt. [illegible] Cobb
Capt. Jonas Hubbard

The Captains of the Rifle Men

Morgan
Smith
Hendrick

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Septem.r the 10th 1775

I March'd my Company from Worster Hill to Cambridge
the 11th 12th and the Chief of the 13th We Lay at Cambridge prepareing for
the March, at 5 O Clock P. M. March'd from Cambridge to Medford, and
Encamped, —
the 14th at 12 O Clock march'd from Medford to Salem & Encamp'd —
15 Marched to Ipswich and encamped —
16 Marched to Newbury Port and Encamped —
17 Being Sunday, we attended Divine Service there —
the 18th at 4 Clock the whole detachment Embarked on Board the Vessels —
19 at 10 Clock A. M. we made Sail, But as Soon as we got outside
of the Bar, we hove too, — In order to receive the Several
Signals which we were to observe while at Sea, Said Signals
were to be given by the Vessel, which Colo. Arnold was on Board
of Called the Commodore — —

The Signals were as followeth Viz.t —

1st Signal, for Speaking with the whole Fleet. an Ensign was to be Hoisted
at the Main Topmast head — —
2d Signal, for Chaseing a Sail, Ensign at fore Topmast head — —
3d Signal, for heaveing too, a Lanthorn at Main Topmast head, and
two guns if head on Shore, and three guns if off Shore — —
4th Signal, for making Sail, in the Night, a Lanthorn at Mast head,
and four guns, — — In the day, a Jack at the fore Top Mast head —
5th Signal, for diSpersing and every Vessel for making the Nearest Harbour
Ensign at the Main Topmast Peak — —
6th Signal, for Landing any vessel, a Jack at Main Topmast head —
at 12 O Clock we put to Sea, and had a fair wind — —
at 10 O Clock P. M. we hove too, Head off Shore with a Brisk
wind, the Chief of our people were Sea Sick — —
20 In the Morning, we made the mouth of Kennebeck River
which we enter'd at 10 Clock and came to an Anchor, at 3 O Clock
P. M. we Weighed, Anchor and Sailed up the River 3 Boat 3
Leagues, and came to an Anchor, Went on Shore at Bowcash
where there are a Number of Inhabitants and a Meeting house
21st Sailed up the River as far as Swan Island, at the upper End of
Merry-meeting-Bay — where we Runn on Shore and came to an
Anchor, Went on Shore with some of my officers, and Stay'd all
Night — —

arrived to Wegwagwa —

Septemr. 22:

Proceeded, up the River, We passd Fort Richmond at 11. O Clock where there are but few Settlements at Present, this afternoon we passd Poona Borough, Where there is a Court-House and Goal and some very good Settlements, This day at 4. O Clock we arrived at the place where our Batteaux were Built. —

We were ordered to Leave one Sergeant, one Corporal and thirteen men here to take a Long the Batteaux, they embarkd on Board the Batteaux, and we all proceeded up the River to Cabixaconty, or Gardners Town, Where Doctor Gardner of Boston owns a Large Tract of Land and Some Mills, & a Number of very good dwelling Houses, where we Stayed Last night on Shore ——

23 We put up the River, and before Night we arrived at Fort Western which is 50 Miles from the Mouth of the River, this evening a very unhappy accident happend, a Number of Soldiers being in a Private house, Some warm words Produced a quarrel and one M.Cormick being Turned out of the House, Soon after discharged his Gun into the House, and Shot a Man thro, the Body of which wound he Soon Expired ——

M.Cormick was Try'd by a Court Martial and condemnd to be hanged, He obstinately denyed the fact until he was Brought under the Gallows where confess'd the Crime — but, for Some reasons was Reprieved, until the pleasure of Genl. Washington could be known, ——

24 „ 25 „ 26 „ We lay at Fort Western prepairing for our March — Fort Western Stands on the East Side of the River and Consists of two Block Houses, and a Large House 100 feet Long which are Inclosed only with Pickquets, this House is now the property of one Howard Esq. where we were well entertained —

25 Captains Morgan, Smith, and Hendrick, with three Companies of Rifle Men embarked on Board their Batteaux, were order to proceed up the River as far as the great Carrying place, there to Clear a Road a Cross the Carrying place, while the others desicions were getting up ——

26 ..... Colo: Green embarkd on Board the Batteaux with three Companys of Marked men to proceed for Canada. —

27 „ at 3. O Clock P. M. Major Meigs embarked on Board the Batteaux with four Companies of men, my Company being

One of them) with 15 days Provisions proceeded up the River four miles, and encampt. this not very Rapid, ——

28 Proceed up the River four miles, the Water exceeding Rapid, some bad falls and encampt. ——

29 Proceeded up the River four miles to Fort Halifax against a very Rapid stream, where we arrived at 11 o Clock A. M. — this Fort Stands on a point of Land, Between the Rivers Kenebeck and Sebastacook — It Consists of a Large Block House and a Large Barrack which is Inclosed by Picquet Fort — after Staying half an hour at the Fort Cross'd the River to a Carrying place, which is 97 Rods, We Carry'd across our Batteaux and Baggage and Encampt. ——

30 Proceeded up the River this Morning, found it exceeding Rapid and rocky for five miles, so that any man would think, at its first appearance, that it was impossible to get Boats up it, I sold my Batteau to day, and wet all my Baggage, but got it, with the greatest difficulty, we got over what is call'd the 5 mile ripples, and then encampt, and dryed my Cloathing as well as I could ——

Octo. 1 Proceeded up the River 3 miles, the Stream very Rapid, here Major Meigs had Bought an axe, and had him dress'd for us when we came up, we eat what we could and took the rest with us into our Batteaux, and proceeded up the River four miles further and encampt, the Water not so Rapid as before, the Land here on the shore very good in general ——

2 Proceed up the River Nine miles, the Water not very Rapid in mid Channel, towards night, We encampt, it Rained very fast the most part of the night, ——

3 Proceeded up the River and very bad falls and Shoals such as scarce Impossible to Cross, But after much fatigue, and abundance of difficulty we arrived at Schoubey's falls, where there is a Carrying place of 60 Rods, here we hall'd our Batteaux and Cargo over them, as well as we could they being very leaky, by being Smacked a Boat a Long the Rocks, and not being well Built at first, we Carryed a Cross and Loaded our Batteaux, and put across the River, and encampt, this days March was not above 5 Miles, from here I sent Back two Sick men ——

4 Our Course in general from the mouth of the River to this place, has been from North, to North East, from here our Course N: W., to Norrigewalk, which is Twelve miles to where we arrived to night, the River here is not very Rapid. —

6 Except two bad falls, the Land on the North side of the River is very good, where there are 2 or 3 families Settled, at Norrigewalk, is to be seen the Ruins of an Indian Town, also a forte, a Chapel, and a Large Tract of Clear Land but not very good, there is but one family there at present Half a Mile above this old fort, is a great fall, where there is a Carrying place of one Mile and a Quarter ——

5 We hauled up our Batteaux, and Clean'd them for over hauling, and Repached all our Pork and Bread, Several Bands of Bread was Spoiled, here we found Colo. Greens Division ——

6 — after our Batteaux were repaired, we Carry'd them a Cross the Carrying place, and Loaded them again, we past up the River two miles and Incampt ——

7 We proceeded up the River Nine miles and incampt. the Land we past to day, was exceeding good, the Stream but very Rapid, it Rained very heavy all Night ——

8 We Rain'd some part of this morning, But we proceeded up the River Seven Miles to Carrietuxhus-falls, where we arrived at 12 Clock P. M: the Portage proved very Rainy, here is a Carrying place of 90 Rods, we Carry'd a Cross it, and Past up the River 3 miles, the water was very Rapid, and incampt ——

9 We proceeded up the River 9 miles the Water was very Rapid, the River is divided here with a Number of Islands, and is Stony Shoals, which Channels are Small and Rapid, it rain'd the Biggest part of this day We incampt at Night, and Hatched some fish before Supper ——

10 We proceeded up the River, I marched by Land, the Weather Severely Cold, in Crossing a Small River on a Log I fell in Pond Deep had on my Back in the Water, the Water not being more than Just feet deep I waded out, But was obliged to Stop and Make up a fire to dry me, [illegible] at 2 a Clock I arrived at the Great Carrying place, where we found the three Rifle Companies, and Colo. Greens Division we Encamped we have to go the Carrying Place which is four Miles, to a Pond ——

11 Lieu.t Hutchins and Son of my men were ordered to assist Capt.n McCob
in building a Block House, here to day, our first Division has now
arrived Commanded by Colo. Enos — We Carryed the Chief of our
Baggage and Boats to day ——

12 This morning we took the remainder of our Baggage and march.d
a Cross the Carrying place to the Pond, which is one mile wide
But we cannot Cross it to day by reason of the winds blowing
very hard, here we Catch.d plenty of Trout ——

13 We Cross.d the Pond and Came to another Carrying Place half a
mile a Cross, where our first division had Built a Block house
and left some Sick men under the Care of Doctor Ewing. We
Carryed over the Carrying place to a Pond, We Cross.d the
Pond 1½ Miles and Came to a Carrying place one mile
and three Quarters, We Carry.d half a mile and Encampt ——

14 We Carry.d a Cross the Carrying Place to a Pond three miles
wide, we Cross.d the Pond and Came to a Carrying place four
miles over a Very high Hill, and the last mile a Spruce
Swamp Knee deep or more all the way, We Carry.d one mile
over this Carrying place and then Encampt, from here I sent three
Sick men Back ——

15 We Carry.d a Cross the Carrying place to a small Stream within
half a mile of the dead River, we went down this Stream into
the River, and proceeded one mile up said River and then
encampt, the water here very deep Land & Hills, We Lodged where
we Encampt, was very good ——

16 At 12 Clock we proceeded up the River ten miles to a Small
Carrying place by Land a Cross and then encampt ——

17 We proceeded up the River 10 miles and Came to an Indian
Big-Meadow, said to belong to an old Indian Called Nallamaw
ick Stands on a Point of Land Pleasantly situated, there is
a Number of Acres of Clear'd Land a Good oil, — the River
is very Still and good Land on each Side of it a Considera
ble part of the way, To day we proceeded up the River
5 miles further, and found Colo. Arnold and Colo. Green
with their Divisions, making up Capthigee, here we Encampt ——

18 The weather is very Rainy To day. My men had their Powder
Horn filled with Powder — Joseph Mornias is appointed
my Ensign, By Colo. Arnold this day, I had a Quarter
of Beef Served to my Company to day ——

19 The weather Rainy, at 2 a Clock A.M. We Set off from
this place proceeded up the River four miles, to a
Small falls and then Encampt ——

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20 Proceeded up the River, passed by Several Small falls. one Carrying place, Thirteen Rods, the Current Caimy all day we Suppose this days March to be 13 Miles —

21 We proceeded up the River 3 Miles to a Carrying place 35 Rods Carry'd a cross and Continued our Rout up the River two miles to a Portage 30 Rods a cross and Encampt. it Rained very fast all Night, the River Rose fast —

22 The River has Risen eight or Nine feet, which renders it very bad getting up, We passed three Carrying places Today 74 Rods Each, our whole March to-day is not more than four miles, the River Rising So much, filles the low grounds So full of Water, that our Men on Shore have had very difficult and Tedious Marching —

23 We Continued our March, tho very Slow by reason of the Rapidity of the Stream, a very unlucky accident happened to us to day, the mast of one of our Canoes by Catching in the Woods Split their way and marched up a Small River, which Comes into the Dead River a few Miles above where we encampted last Night. the Party took a Wrong Course, I Sent my Batteau and that four miles where they that were in found the Last people had Crossed the River on a Tree, and had March'd a Cross for the head River, my Batteau came Back, and we proceeded up the River to a Carrying place, where we found our Selves at the foot of three Falls, Several Batteaus wrecked, which were entirely lost, a Considerable quantity of Cloathing, Guns, and Provisions, our March to day we Judge, to be about 8 Miles — here we Halted a Day or two, in Consequence of which we Sent Capt. Hanchet and 50 Men forward to Meet us on an advance party, and Sent Back 26 Sick Men under the Command of Lieut. Steel and Doctor —

24 Monday Oct. we proceeded up the River, tho with a great deal of difficulty, the River being very Rapid, This days March did not exceed four Miles —

25 Continued our Rout up the River, the Stream very Rapid, We passed three Carrying places, Two of them four Rods and the other 90, our March to day 6 miles and then Encampt, — The Night I was Seized with a Violent Head Ache and fever, Chanced to gather'd some Limbs of Trees in the woods, and made me Tea of them, I drank very Freely of it and Next morning, felt much Better —

26 Continued our Rout and Came to a Pond 2 m. to a Cross
and then Came to a Narrow gut 2 Rod wide, and four Rod
Long, and then to a small Pond one Mile over, then to a Narrow
Height, ½ mile Long, Then a third Pond 3 Miles over,
Then past'd another Height half a mile Long, and then entered
a fourth Pond a Bout a quarter of a mile Wide, then entered
a Narrow gut ½ Miles in Length and then Came to a
Carrying place 15 Rods a Cross, Here we Encampt

27 Cross'd the Carrying Place to a pond half a mile over, Came to
a Carrying Place one Mile also to a Pond ¼ Mile Wide, then to
a Carrying place 411 Rod, to a Pond 2 miles Wide and Cross'd it
and Came to the Carrying place ½ Mile a Cross. we Received Orders
here to Leave our Baggage, and all march by Land, We here
Divided our Provision and gave every man his part, we march'd
a Bout half a mile, and then encampt. Here I found a fine
Birch Canoe Carefully Laid up, Supposed by the Indians

Here a Very unhappy Circumstance happen'd to us, in our March,
Which Almost was fatal and Mortifying to us all, Viz

When we were at the great Carrying place (Last mention
from the Dead River to Shodeer Pond we had the unhappy
News of Colo Enos, and three Company's in his Division, having
no Provisions with them to return back, Two or three days before
which disheartned all and discouraged very much, as they Carried
back with them their last of Provision and Ammunition
and our Detachment before being but Small, and now Loosing
these three Companies, We were Small indeed, to think of Contiuing
such a place as Dudded, But being Now almost out of Provisions
we were Inded to did if we attempted to Return Back, and
We Could be in no Worse Situation if we proceeded on our Rout
Our men made a General Prayer, that Colo Enos and all his men
might die by the way, or meet with some disaster, Equal to the
Cowardly disorderly and unfriendly Spirit they discovered in
Returning Back without orders in such a Manner as they
had done, And there we proceeded forward

28 Very early in the Morning my Company marched
and Lieut Ayres, the Capt of said Company agreed to go with
me in the Canoe, We took it and our Packs, and Carry'd it a
Cross the Carrying place, to a Small Stream, which led
into Shodeer Pond, we put our Canoe in, Went down
the Stream, my men Marched down by Land

10 I was Sent to the Head of the Island to get Goodrich's Company, but could not prevail. My Canoe was a Birch which leads in the Water, when they could get no way to Cache, my Canoe being Cut and had thoughts of Abandoning it Left the Island to go with my Canoe, and See if Could not find a Road to Cache the Canoe, going with the Pond and Island on Each Side Came ashore Capt. Goodrich was with Some of his Men who had Passed me, he informed me that he had made a Cache, and that there was no way to Cache the River without Boats, the Land round here was all a Southern Swamp for a great distance, Capt. Goodrich informed me also, that one of the Sergeants and another man, who were not well, had gone forward with a Battoe, and he did not doubt but they had found it, but if it was Agreed to be back, We discovered a Light on Shore which Seemed to be 3 Miles from us, Capt. Goodrich was almost provided with the Cache, having Made Several Miles Southward, and Northwards, Sometimes to his Armpits in Water & Mud, endeavouring to find Some place to Cache this River, I met them with my Canoe, and Carried them over, and when we arrived ashore we Discovered the Light, we found it was a Fire which they had made and meaning it Cache were left by our Battoe for want of Provision to join the Company, We Encamped ourselves but not finding Capt. Goodrich's Battoe here, we Sent my Canoe Southward to find it, if Possible, after having gone an Hour and a half, they returned but had not found the Battoe, Capt. Goodrich and I were very Uneasy all Night about our men ——

29 In the Morning we Set out, and went to our Canoe and Agreed to Carry them over in my Canoe, But Luckily for us Capt. Goodrich's Battoe arrived which we hired to Carry our Men over, But after we had got them over the River, we had not Marched above 50 Rod before we came to another River, Crossing a Cache there Two Rivers in the Course of the day, Before we Left we all arrived at the Cache where we Slept last Night, But the men were very much fatigued where we encamped ——

30 We March'd very early in the Morning, and Provisions
to be very Scant, Every Company had but one Pint of
Flour for Each Man, and no Meat at all, Mr. Dyer and
went down the Pond, in our Canoe, this Pond is 13
Miles Long, at the Lower end of the Pond, I met my Comp.
any whom we found the Mouth of Chaudiere River, which
Lies very wild, Here I Choose to walk by Land, and
Leading by did a Bad Eight miles, I was at this time
very unwell, we encamp'd Near a Falls, where all the
Boats that had attempted to come down had overset
except Colo. Arnolds, and mine, That Number of Boats
that was overset there was Five, and Man was Drown'd,
and a great Quantity of Baggage and Guns were lost—
31 We Started very early this Morning, I am Still more
unwell, than I was yesterday, We Carry'd our Canoe
over a Carrying Place of a Bout Half a mile, and put
it into the River, the Same is very Rapid, Shole and
Rocky, We pass'd another Carrying place to-day, we
went down about 28 Miles, there Encamp'd on Shore and
Encamp'd, I saw Some of the men on foot to night who
I found are almost famished for want of Provisions—
Nov. 1 This morning we Mend Pitched our Canoe she being
somewhat Leaky, we have run Several Falls on the
Rocks going down ~~several~~ falls, where I expected to
have Stove her to pieces, we put her in and proceeded
down the River, which Remains very Rapid, and a Bound-
ing in falls, we got down about 30 Miles, by which
time our Canoe got to be worn out, we went on Shore
and Encamp'd, Here I saw Some of the Scattered men who
were almost Starved, This day Capt. Goodrich's Company
Killed my Dog, and another dog, and Eat them, I remain
very Unwell.

2 Mr. Dyer my Shipmate, said he would Try to go down
a little further, in the Canoe and Carry our Baggage, I concluded
to March by Land, I set out and Marched about Two miles
and met Some French men with 5 oxen & Two Horses go-
ing to meet our People, although, I wanted no Provision myself
yet knowing, how the Poor men were Suffering for want
of Provisions, seeing we were like to come to Some Inhabitants, it Caused
me to Stay to Send from my Boys, before I was apprized,

12 I proceeded about four miles farther, and came to a large
fall, where we found a good Canoe, there was a Carrying place
one Mile long, We Carryed a Brest the Carrying place, and
put in at below the falls, where we found Two Indians with
some Provisions for our men, they left their Provision
with some of our men, and went down with me, I got into
their Canoe, and one of them into ours, the River being
very rapid, & Shoal, we found it very difficult to pass.
we Run down a Creek eight miles, and to our great joy
we Spyd a House, where we arrived at 4 O Clock
P. M: at 5 O Clock Lieut. Hutchins, Ensign. Thomas
and 50 of my men arrivd, with Capt. Smiths Company
which was the first Company that arrived, there Colo.
3 Arnold had Provided provisions for us against we arriv:d
We Stayd here one Night, this Morning our men proceeded
down the River, tho, in poor Circumstances, for Travelling,
a Good Number of them being Barefoot, and the Weather
many of our men did not join the Capt. this day.
Cold and Snowy, from hence to Lubec, is Seventy Miles,
I hird an Indian to Carry me down the River 6 miles
to where Colo: Arnold was, where I found 22 Indians
who Engaged with Colo: Arnold for 20/ a month, here I
Stayd all night, By Colo: Arnolds advice, the being
Snowy, Took a Dicht this Night which did not
operate much

4 The Weather Snowy I Stayd here to-day, Major
Biggellow, Doctor Senter, and some others Stayd here
likewise all night

5 The Weather is very Clear and pleasant for this Season
of the year, Major Biggalow, and I hird Each of us a
Horse to go down the River 6 miles, and came to a
Town, where we had Provisions Served out for the Men,
the Country here is Tolerable good Land, and Considerably
Settled on Both Sides of the River, the People are very
Ignorant, but Seem to be very kind to us, at evening
Charles Gillon, and Charles Bouget, and a French
Indian Interpreter, at Fort Western, who was a Native of
Canada, Came back for me with Two Horses we Stayd
here all night

6 I hird an Indian to Carry me down the River, 9 Miles, to one Sorrowcco, a French man, one of Charles Bouget's Relations, where I hird Lodgings and took my Bed Immediately, I was then sick in a High fever. I kept the two Chaps to take Care of me ——— I will now with my Pen follow our Main Body, they have now proceeded as far as S.t Mary's the Middle Parish of what is Commonly Call'd Sattagan, here is a very good Church, and a pleasant Country our people are Supply'd with provisions at Several places By the way, but being in Great Hurry, and having but Little time to provide Necessaries, our men fared but Very poorly Supply'd in General, the Inhabitants appears to be very kind, but ask a very Great price for their Victuals ———

7 Our Troops proceeded as fast as possible, they followed the River Shodeac down from the first Inhabitants about 36 miles, and then Turn'd to the Eastward and left the River, had to pass thro, about 15 Miles where there is no Inhabitants, and at that time of the year it is Terrible Travelling, by reason of it being Low Swampy Land, our people Carry'd Twenty Birch Canoes across these woods, in order to Cross the River S.t Lawrence in. as we Supposed the Boats near Quebec, would be in the Hands of our Enemies after we had got thro, the Woods, We arrived at S.t Henry's, a Considerable Parish with a Church, we past'd Several other Small Parishes, before we arrived at Point Levi, where the main Body of our Detachment, arrived the 9th Day of November, But so fatigued, that they were very unfit for action, a Considerable Number of our men are left on the Road Sick or worn out with fatigue & Hunger,

On our arrival we found Two Men of War Lying in the River Between Point Levi, and Quebec, and Guard Boats Rowing all Night, up and Down the River ———

{10 11 12 13} Our men lay at Point Levi, Nothing extraordinary happen'd except that a Deserter from Quebec Came to us, who Inform'd us that Colo.o St. Lane had arrived from Louisbourg, with his Regiment, and our men made

14 A prisoner of a young Man, by the Name of Mr. Kenney, Midshipman of the Hunter Sloop War ——
On the evening of the 13th Our men Embarked on Board 35 Canoes, and by four of the Clock, in the Morning we had Landed all our men that were fit for duty which was about 300, at Wolfe Cove, entirely undiscovered, altho, we past'd Between Two Men of War, who had Guard Boats Cruising all Night, after Parading our men, and Sending a Reconnoitring Party towards the City, and placing some Small Guards, we marched a Cross the plains of Abraham, and took possession of a Large House formerly owned by General Murray, Now by Majr. Caldwell, and some Houses adjacent which made fine quarters for our men ——

14 After Reconnoitring, proper Guards being placed to Cut off all Communication from Between the Town and Country, at 12 ... A. Clock the Enemy surprized one of our Centinels, and made him Prisoner, Soon after our Main Body, Turn'd out and march'd within Half a Mile of the Walls on the Heights of Abraham, Immediately after being full in their view, we gave them Three Huzza's, but they did not Chuse to Come out to meet us, this afternoon, the Enemy set fire to Several Houses in the Suburbs, at Sun set Colo: Arnold sent a Flag to Town demanding the Possession of the Garrison in the Name, and on behalf of the united American Colonies, But the Flag being fired upon was obliged to Return, We lay Constantly upon our Arms to prevent a Surprize, We are by a Gentleman from Quebec informd, that we may expect an attack every hour from the Garrison ——

15 Colo: Arnold sent a Flag to demand the Town again this morning, thinking the Flag's being fired upon Yesterday was done thro. Mistake, but was Treated in the Same manner, as yesterday, This morning an express was sent off to General Montgomery, at 12 ... O Clock we were alarmed by a Report that the Troops in the ——

Garrison Here coming out to attack us, we Turn'd out
to meet them, but it Proved to be a false report ——
16 This morning it is Reported that Montreal Surrendred to Genl
Montgomery last Sabbath, and that he had taken a Number of
the enemys Ships, One of our Rifle Corps was kill'd to day
by a Cannon Shot from the Town, we Sent a Company of men
to day to take possession of the General Hospital, which
is a very large Pile of Building a Bout three Quarters
of a mile from the Walls of Quebec, in this Building is a
Nunnery of the first order in Canada, where at present
there are about Thirty five Nuns —— The Canadians are
Constantly Coming to us, and are expressing the greatest
Satisfaction at our Coming into the Country ——
17 A Soldier Came to us from Quebec, But brings no extraordin-
ary Intelligence, a Party of our men last night went over the River to
Bring over Some of our men, who were not Come over before,
also to bring Some provisions, —— The Weather is very
pleasent for this Country, and the Season ——
18 Nothing Extraordinary to day, the evening orders that are
given is to Parade to morrow morning at 8 of the Clock ——
19 Very early this morning we Decampd, and March'd up to
Point aux Tremble, a Bout Seven Leagues from Quebec, the
Country thro which we marched is thick Settled and
pleasant, there are a Number of Handsome Chapels by
the way, we found the people very kind to us ——
20 An Express arrived this morning from Genl Montgomery
The Contents of which is that he is in full possession of
Montreal, also of the Shipping that are there, and that
he intends to join us very Soon —— We have Sent an
Express to Montreal to day ——
21 The Curate of the Parish Dines at Head quarters to day
22 An Express arrived this day from Montreal which informs
that Genl Montgomery Army had taken 130 Sail
with a large Quantity of Cloathing and provisions
and that the Governor was a Bout marching for
Quebec ——
23 This Morning an express arrived from Montreal
which Informs, that Genl Montgomery is on his March
for this place, And that he has Sent Cloathing forward
for our men ——

24 This Morning the Hunter Sloop of War, and three other
Armid vessels appear'd in Sight; — An express is Sent
from us to meet the Troops from Montreal — —
25 The Hunter Sloop, a Large Snow, and an Armid Schooner
Came to an Anchor Opposite our Quarters this Morning —
Some of our men were Sent up the River in a Batt
to meet the Troops which were Coming down from
Montreal — —
26 A Number of Gentlemen Came in this Morning from
Quebec — —
27 We are informid that the House belonging formerly to
Majr Caldwell, in which our Troops were Quarterd before
Quebec, is Burnt down — —
28 Colo: Arnold is gone up to Pochery, about 12 miles from
above Point Aux Trembles, to hasten down the Ammunition
29 Capt. Morgan who had been Sent down Near Quebec, Sent
up Two Prisoners which he took in the Suburbs — —
30 Capt. Duggan, has arrived from Montreal with Provisions
and Ammunition — —
1 Genl. Montgomery, arrivd this day at 10 O Clock with
Three armid Schooners, with men, Artillery, Ammunition,
Provision & Cloathing, to the Great Joy of our men,
Towards evening our Detachment turnd out & marchd
to the Genl. Quarters, where we were Rec.d by the General,
who Complimented us on the Goodness of our appearance
2 This Morning our field Artillery was Sent down by Land
and our Large Cannon by Water Near Quebec. —
the Boats whom they had Landed the Cannon were
to go to Point Levi for the Ladders — —
3 Our men are drawing Cloathing this day, the General
has made a present of a Suit of Cloaths to all our
Detachment which they were in great need of — —
4 At 12 O Clock we marched for St Foys before Quebec,
We marchd as far as Augustine, where we Staid all
Night — —
5 In the Morning we proceeded on our March
and about noon arrived at St Foys — —
my Company were ordered into the General Hospital
for Quarters — —
6 Nothing extraordinary or Remarkable to-day, the weather
is attended with Snow Squalls — —

We are inform'd that a Company of our both a Sloop with Provisions and Some quantity of Cash, not far from the Island of Orleans ——

8 We Receiv'd Same Shot from the enemy to day but no person [redacted] Injur'd Thereby ——

9 Now I will give Some account of Matters respecting my self I Still Remain Sick at Sattagan at the House which I heretofore mention'd Nothing up Lodging at, from the 6. Day of November to the 28.th before I went out of the House, the first Ten days I had a Violent Fever, and was Delirious the Chief of the time, I had nothing to [redacted] Nature with, but a Tea of Pigeon plum Root, and Spruce, as there are no Doctors on these parts nor any Garden Herbs, my fever abated in Some degree, but did not leave me, I had a violent Cough, and lost my flesh to that Degree, that I was almost Reduced to a perfect Skeleton, and so very Weak that when I first began to get up for Several days, I could not go from the bed to the fire with a Staff without being held up, I heard that our people had got Possession of Quebec, and I could not perceive that I gain'd any Strength, and my fever Remain'd upon me very high, at this time I Concluded to Send Charles Burgett, my French Lad to Quebec, to See if he could procure me Something to Sweat and Apothecary to help my Cough and to [redacted] Nature, in Carrying off my fever, he went and in four days Returned, but to my great [redacted] mortification Brought nothing for me but bad News, which was, that our people had not got Possession of Quebec, but had Marched from Quebec up the River, towards Montreal, Hearing this, Struck a damp upon my Spirits which Reduced them Something Low, But through the kind hand of Providence, I amend'd tho, very Slowly, the first day of December I rode out in a Canoe with my Landlard, and found my self much

The better for it, tho I was so weak now that I could not walk from the Canoe into the House without help. I now began to be very uneasy and wanted to be with the Army and the Seventh day I set out in a Canoe for Quebec and the 9th day I Crossd the River St Lawrence I joind my Company who Seemd very Glad to see me, they told me that they had been informd by some of our men that came out many days since from Gallagan that I was Dead, and that he saw Charles Hatton, and Charles Burgett making a coffin for me,

I will now return to Matters respecting our Army, We had a body of men that began to build a Battery Last night on the height of Abraham about half a mile from St Johns gate, and we had five Small mortars order'd into St Roche near the Walls of Quebec, to Throw Shells into the City To-Night the Artillery are to be Cover'd with 100 Men, they Threw about 30 Shells this Night ——

10 The enemy began a heavy Cannonade upon our Camp this morning and Continued it all day, our people have Shells this Night from St Roche, & a party was to work on the Battery —— The enemy return'd a few Shells to us last night & some Cannon Balls, but no person received any hurt except an old Canadian Woman who was Shot thro: the Body with a 24 Shot ——

11 This morning one of our men lost his way in the Storm and had got under the Walls and was fird upon by the Centinel before he knew where he was, and had Received a Shot through the Thigh, but got away and is in a fair way to Recover ——

The enemy has kept up a faint Cannonding all this day, this Night our Train of Artillery Threw 45 Shells into the Town, and had a party to work on the Battery, the Enemy have a few shot and some Shells at our people who were to work on the Battery, but did no damage, the Weather now is Exceeding Cold! ——

12 The Platforms are almost Ready for the Guns at the Battery, the Weather Still remains very Cold —

13 ... 14 We have open our Battery, have Several men kill'd & wound. This morning before Sun Rise, our Battery, Began to Play upon the Town, we had 5.. 12 Pounders and a Howitzer Mounted, all very well attended, there was a very heavy fire from the Town upon our Battery — after our Battery had play'd one hour they Ceas'd and General Montgomery Sent a flag to the Town but it was Refus'd admittance, But after some discourse with Some officers upon the Rampart Return, at 2.. o Clock P.M: our Battery began to play again and our Mortars at the Same time were at work in the Town, we have 30. Shells into the Town to-day, There was a very heavy Cannonading kept up from the Town, we had Two men Kill'd to-day at our Battery, and one of our Guns damaged and our Howitzers dismounted, it is now in agitation to Storm the Town, which if resolved upon Hope will be undertaken, with a proper Sense of the nature and Importance of Such an Attack and vigorously Executed ... —

16 In the evening began to Cannonade, Cols: Arnold's Quarters were Struck by Several Cannon Shot, upon which he thought it best to Remove to other quarters, one of our men was Shot through the body with a grape Shot to day his life is despair'd of, a Counsel was held this morning by all the Commission'd officers belonging to Cols: Arnolds detachment. — A majority of which was for Storming the Garrison of Quebec as Soon as the men are well equip'd with good arms, Spears, hatchets, Hand, granades ... —

17 Nothing extraordinary or Remarkable, to day the weather is very Cold and Snowy —

18 Nothing extraordinary to day the weather Still remains very Cold, my Company are order'd out of the Hospital, the Room is wanted for a Hospital for the use of the Sick, we took our quarters on the opposite Side of the River S.t Charles, at one Mr. Henry's, a presbyterian Minister which place is about one mile from the Hospital —

20

17 I began to recover my Strength a gain & have a fine appetite. [illegible]

18 The weather continues Cold, preparation is making for the intended Storm, Several of our men have the Small Pox

19 We are order'd every man of us to wear a hemlock Sprig in his Hatt, to distinguish us from the enemy in the attack upon Quebeck

20 Mallow Seem's a Growing fast for a Storm, may the blessing of Heaven attend the enterprize

21 This evening all the officers of Land detachment [illegible] and are visited by the Gen.l & Colo: Arnold in Quarters

22 This evening the Rev.d Mr Spring preach'd a sermon in the Hospital in the Gen.l Hospital, which is exceeding elegant inside, & is Richly decorated with Carved and guilt work

23 Colo: Arnolds detachment is Paraded at 4 o'clock P.M. Gen.l Montgomery attended & addressed us on the Subject of making the attack upon the Walls of Quebec, in a very Sensible Spirited manner which greatly animated the [illegible] our men

24 Nothing Material happend to day the weather is Sharp cold

25 This morning the troops assembled by order of the General, with a design to attack the Town of Quebec and were about to march, when those came an order from the Gen.l to return to our quarters by reason of the weather's clearing up which rendered it improper for the attack

26 The following Came out in Gen.l orders this day — Nigt

The Gen.l had the most Sensible pleasure in seeing the good disposition with which the Troops last night moved to the attack, it was with the greatest reluctance he found himself Call'd upon by his duty to Repress their ardor, but should hold himself answerable for the loss of those brave men whose lives might be Saved by waiting for a favourable opportunity

27 Nothing remarkable or extraordinary to-day

28 I have the Main guard in St Rochs, Came on last evening our Artillery threw 30 Shells last night into Quebeck, which were answer'd by a few shells and Some grape shott, early this morning the Garison began a very heavy Cannonade upon all parts of our Camp & their Attack,

particularly on those quartered on S. Roche, and upon the Guard House which is within Shott of the Walls, but partly under the Cover of a hill — about sunset this afternoon, the the Garrison brought a gun to bear upon the Guard-house much more exact, and better leveld, than any that they had heretofore, and within the space of 5 minutes they knocked down the three Chimneys of the Guard-house over our heads, but could not get a shot with the lower Rooms where the Guard kept, at 10 o Clock this evening I went home to my quarters —

31 This morning at 4 o Clock I was informd by one of my men that there was orders from the Genl for making the attack upon Quebec this morning, I was surprized that I had not been informd or notified Sooner, But afterwards found it was owing to the neglect of the Serg.t Major, who excusd himself by saying he could not get across the River, by reason of the Tides being so exceeding high, however I gave orders to my men to prepare themselves immediately to March, but my Company being quarterd in three different Houses and the farthest a mile from my Quarters, and the weather very Stormy and the Snow deep, it was near an hour before I could get them all Paraded & Ready to March, at which time I found the attack was begun by the Genl party, near Cape Diamond, I had now two miles to march, before we came to the place where the attack was made, The moment I march'd, I met the Serg.t Major who informd me that Colo: Arnold, had march'd, and that he could not convey intelligence to me Sooner, as there was no possibility of crossing the River, we now march'd or rather ran as fast as we could, when I arrived at S. Roche I met Colo: Arnold Wounded Borne, and brought away by Two men, he spoke to me and desired me to push on forward, and said our people had possession of a 1 Gun Battery — and that we should Carry the Town, our Artillery were Incessantly throwing Shells, with 6 Mortars from S. Roche, and the Garrison were throwing Shells and Balls of all Sorts from every part of the Town, my men seem'd to be in high Spirits, we push'd forward as fast as possible, we met the wounded men very thick, — —

We soon found ourselves under a very brisk fire from the walls & Pickets, but it being very dark & Stormy, and the way we had to pass very Intricate & I an utter Stranger to the way. we got bewilder'd, an altho, I met Several men, and Some officers who said they knew where our people were, yet none of them would shew us until I met one of Cols: Arnolds Waiters who was endeavouring to forward Some Ladders who said he would shew me the way, and altho, he was well acquainted with the way, he having lived some years in Quebec, he miss'd it and Easy'd us quite wrong, but when he found his mistake he declared he did not know where we were, and he immediately left us, we were all this time harass'd with a brisk fire from the Pickets, which we were sometimes without a stones throw of, I now thought it best to retreat a little and then make a new attempt to find the way, Accordingly order'd Lieut. Hutchins who was in the Rear to retreat, to a Sheltered place a few rods back, he Accordingly retreated, and in retreating he had to pass very near the Picket, under a very brisk fire, it now began to grow a little light, the Garison had discover'd us and sent out Two hundred men, who took possession of Some houses which we had to pass before we could discover them, and as Lieut. Hutchins retreated they Sallied down in a lane from the Wall, I divided my Company about the middle, and now again attempt. to find the way to the main body, it being now so light that I thought I could find the way, I order'd that part of my men that were with me, to follow me, we marched on as fast as possible, but the enemy Took some of my Rear, and kept a brisk fire upon us from the Houses, which we had passed, when I came to a place where I could Cover my men a little, while I could discover where our main body was, I heard a bout in Town, which made me think that our people had got the befsion of the Same, the men were, Thirty within the Pickets, I was at a Stand to know whether

They were our men, or the enemy, as they were dress'd like us,
I was just about to shoot them, when one of them hail'd me,
he asked who I was (I was now within Six rods of the Pickets)
I answer'd a friend, he asked me who I was a friend to, I answer'd
to Liberty, he then replyd God damn you, and then rais'd
himself partly above the Pickets, I kept my Piece
which was Charged with a ball and Ten Buck shott
Certainly to give him his due, But to my great mortification
my Gun did not go off, I drew it back, and flashed
and try'd her again, but neither I nor one in Ten of my
men could get off our Guns they being so exceeding
wet, they fired very Rashly upon us from the Pickets, here
we found a great number of wounded men, and some dead,
which did belong to our main body; I order'd my men to go
into a lower room of the house, and new prime their
Guns, and prick dry Powder into the Touch-holes, we
Now found ourselves Surrounded by Sea to me, I now finding
no possibility of getting away, my Company were divided,
and our arms being in such bad order, I thought it best
to Surrender after being promis'd good quarters and Tender
usage, I told my men, to make their escape, as many as
possibly could, and in the Confusion a considerable Number
did effect the same, Some of them after they had given up
their arms, we were now marched to Palace Gate, on my
way there to my Surprize, I found Lieut. Hutchins,
Ensign Thomas, about 15 or 20 of my men under Guard, who
were marched to Palace-gate with me, and were Carried
to a Large Convent and put under the Care of a strong
Guard, in my way to this House I was inform'd
that our People got possession of the Lower Town.

It appears at this time, according to the following
Arrangement, that [illegible] my Company
[illegible] which may be seen hereafter, [illegible]
[illegible] in the Attack upon the Town was intended
to be the second to the front.

The Gen. gave orders last evening for the
Troops to assemble at Two o: Clock this morning in order to-

make the attack, at 5. o. Clock in the following manner viz.t

The Gen.l with the first. 2. &c. Battalions of Maverick's Corps was to attack the Southerly part of the Lower Town, at a place Call'd the Potash ——

Colo. Arnold with his detachment and part of Capt.n Lamb's Company of Artillery, with one Field-piece, was to march through St. Roche's down between the river Saint Charles, and the Rocher of the Garison to the North part of the lower Town Call'd the Sault-au-matello, and there attack a Guard Barrier in the following order, a Subaltern with 24 Men was to be an advance party, Capt.n Lamb's artillery next with a six pounder mounted on a Sled, then the main body, Capt.n Morgan first. my Company next, then Capt.n Smith's, then Captain Hanchet's, then Capt.n Hubbard's, then Capt.n Thompson's, Topham's, then Capt.n Thayer's, then Capt.n Ward's, then Capt.n Goodrich's, & then Capt.n Hendrick's, Colo. Arnold in the front, Colo. Green and Maj.r Bigelow in the Centre, and Maj.r Meigs in the Rear ——

Colo. Livingston, Maj.r Brown with some of Maj.r Brown's men, Some Canadians were to make a feint upon the upper Town Gate at the same time, were to set fire to S.t Roch's Gate with a Certain quantity of Combustibles prepar'd for that purpose —— The Gen.l with his Party began the attack, the Gen.l with his Aid-de-camp, and Capt.n Hearman & the Carpenters, who served as Pioneers advanced in the front, the carpenters Cut the Pickets, the Gen.l with his own hands pull'd them down & entered. — after the Gen.l had enter'd, he Call'd to his men to come on, they did not advance as quick as he thought they might, he spoke to them again in the following manner, Come, saying come on Brave Lads, your Gen.l calls upon you to come on, the Gen.l was very near a Battery of Several Cannon loaded with grape Shott, Some of which were unfortunately discharged, and which Cut down our Brave Gen.l, his Aid-de-camp, Capt.n M.c Kenzie, Capt.n Hearman, & three or four Privates ——

The Guards immediately after firing the first Cannon
quitted their post and Ran, which gave our Troops the
opportunity to enter, But instead of entering Colonel
Campbell who now took Command, ordered a retreat,
which was very unlucky for us. After some little
after the Gen.l made the attack on their part, Col. Arnold
made an attack with his party, but instead of making
the attack in the manner proposed, which was, when
the advanced party had got within musket shot of
the Barrier, they were to halt and then open to the
right and left, and the Artillery to fire three shott, upon
the Barrier and then the advanced party were to fire into the
Port Holes, Capt. Morgan's Company to pass round a wharf on
of which the Barrier was Built, and come in upon the back
of the Guard, while we scaled the Barrier with Ladders, but
the Ice was so deep and the way so difficult to pass
the Artillery were obliged to leave the Field piece behind, &
Col. Arnold, with the advanced party rushed up to the Barrier
and kept such a hot fire in at the Port holes, that the enemy
could fire but one of their Cannon before Capt. Morgan
and some of his Company, and some others scaled the
Barrier, and took the Guards Prisoners consisting of
a Capt. & 30 men, Col. Arnold was wounded in the Legg
in the first of the attack and was carried back, our men
entered the Barrier as fast as possible. But the Main body
had not come up, yet by reason of missing their way, and
were obliged to Countermarch twice before they could
get right, there was now a second Barrier to force, where
there two Cannon placed Charged with Grape shott,
our men who had entered the first Barrier, were now
waiting for the main body to come up, but before the
main body had got into the first Barrier, the enemy
found that the Gen.l Party had retreated, and the
whole Garrison had Turn'd their attention upon our
party, and had taken possession of the Houses almost
all round us, and had manned the Barrier so strong
that when our people made an attempt to force it, we
were repulsed, and obliged to Shelter ourselves in
the Houses, as well as we could, Jenny, we all who, I
was not at this place, but in order to distinguish our
Troops from the Enemy, our people being surround'd

By treble their Number, and was under a very hot fire, it was now Mot'nd by some, whether or no it would not be most advisable to retreat, when immediately reply'd who knows but the our Gen.l with his party, is in some part of the Town, and if we go, and leave him behind, he and his party will most certainly be Cut off, It was then concluded upon to send somebody off in order to learn what was become of our Gen.l and his party, and agreed to make a stand while Night, Immediately after entering the Bastion, Capt. Hendrick Lieu.t Humphreys, and Lieu.t Cooper, together with a number of Riflers was hitch'd Just as the revolution took place, the same party that took me followed after our main body, and Came upon their Rear, but our people finding the impracticability of a retreat, and hearing nothing from our Gen.l's party, & having lost about one hundred men out of less than five hundred, thought it most prudent to Surrender, upon the encouragement of being promis'd good quarters and Tender usage, It was by this time 10. o Clock A. M. — The officers were Carried to the main Guard house and the Soldiers to the House where I was Carried first, with many other officers, from Carry'd to the main guard House to the other officers, where we had a good Dinner, and a plenty of several sorts of wine, in the afternoon we were Carry'd to a large Nunnery, and put into a large room in the fourth Story from the ground, ——

A List of the officers that were killed ——

Brigad.r Gen.l Montgomery

M.r John M.cpherson. Aid de camp to the Gen.l

Capt. Cheesman ..... of New-york

Capt. W.m Hendrick ..... of Pensylvania

Lieu.t Humphry ..... of Virginia

Lieu.t Sam.l Cooper ..... of Connecticut

A list of the wounded officers that was in the engag.

Colo. Benedict Arnold shot thro one of his Legs
Capt. John Lamb of New york shot in the Groin & thro
by which the Sight of one of his Eyes
Capt. Jonas Hubbard of Worcester shot thro the ancle of which he died
Lieut. Archibald Steel of Pensilvania shot thro two of his fingers shot off
Lieu.t Sam.l Tindal of the Massachusetts Bay shot thro his right shoulder

The Sergeants, Corporals, and privates, killd & wounded according to the best accounts could be obtain'd amounted to a Num.r one Hundred more the number killd on the Spot, about 40

A list of the officers taken, but not wounded

Names	Provinces	Towns
Capt. Daniel Morgan	Virginia	Frederick County
Lieut. William Heath		
Lieut. Peter [illegible] Brwin		
Mr. John McGuyer Volunteer		
Mr. Chas. Porterfield do		
Lieut. Archibald Steel	Pensilvania	Lancaster
Lieut. Francis Nichols		Carlisle
Mr. Matthew Duncan Volunteer		Philadelphia
Mr. John Henry Volunteer	New york	Lancaster
Lieut. Andrew Moody		
Maj.r Return Jonath. Meigs	Connecticut	Middletown
Capt. Oliver Arnold		Suffield
Capt. Sam.l Lockwood		Stamford
Lieut. Elijah Savage		Middletown
Capt. Eliezer Edwards Nor.		New Haven
Lieut. Mas.n Ben. Callen		Weathersfield
Lt. Col. Christopher Green	Rhode Island	Greenwich
Capt. John Topham		New port
Capt. Sam.l Ward		Westerly
Capt. Simeon Thayer		Providence

Names	Provinces	Towns
Capt. James Watt Lieut. William Humphreys Lieut. Edwd. Sheam Lieut. Silvanus Shaw	Rode Island	Newport Providence Tiverton Newport
Maj. Timothy Bigelow Capt. Wm. Goodrich Lieut. Sam: Brown Lieut. John Cumston Lieut. John Leach	Massachusetts Bay	Worchester Stockbridge Acton Sacho Hadley
Capt. Henry Dearborn Lieut. Nathan. Tullekins Lieut. Cornl. Cantrees Lieut. Joseph Bowers	Hampshire	Nottingham Dumberton Hillsborough Deerfield

Nov. Christmas Day Celebrated with a Number of Sergts. Corpls. & Privates a Danish officers ..... Absent, but not wounded, are about 300

1776 January 1 Began this year in very disagreable Circumstances, it being the first day I ever Dined in Confinement except by sickness, but Hope I shall be enabled to bare it with a becoming fortitude. Considering it to be the fortune of War.

2 Gen.l Montgomerys body was taken up to day, and brought into Town

3 Gen.l Carlton gave major Meigs Leave to go out after our Baggage to day

The Small Pox is prevalent in this Town, it is thought best for as many of us, as had not had the Small Pox to be Innoculated immediately — Accordingly Sixteen of us Concluded to Apply to some Physician to innoculate us, Docr. Bullen was recommended to us as being skilful in Innoculation, whom we applyd to, to day, & he engag'd to Innoculate us, and gave us some preparatory Medicines to day

4 We were this day Innoculated, ——— Genl. Montgomery's body
was Interd. to day, in a very decent ——— Manner by order
of Genl. Carlton ———

5 We that have been innoculated, are removed to day into another
Room, have the Liberty of washing into another Room adjoining
to that we Lodge in ———

6 ... Majr. Meigs Returnd to day, with some part of our Baggage
but a Considerable part of it is not Brought in ———
four of our men are Releasd to wait upon us ———

7 ... We purchasd some poor mutton to make Soop of at one
Shilleing per. pound ———

8 We had a very good Collection of Books sent us by several
friends in Town, in the perusal of which, we pass many of
our dull hours ———

9 To day I wrote a letter to send to my wife, but find no opportunity
of Sending it ———

10 This day Mr. Lewis, who was formerly a Judge of our
Court, came to see me, and offerd to Supply me with any
thing I stood in need of, that was in his power, he furnishd
me with some Cash, and Two shirts, and said he would
have me let him know, if I should hereafter be in want
of any thing, as he would be ready to oblige me therewith
if within the Sphere of his Influence ———

11..12..13 Nothing extraordinary. — The Field officers of each day, Generally
visits us, the Guard that is set over us, is a subaltern and
Twelve men — Our mens Baggage is sent for to day ———
also I begin to feel the Simptoms of the Small Pox ——
Lieut. Savage, who was one that was Innoculated with
me for the Small pox, has it the natural way, he having
taken it before he came into Quebec, has very bad ———

14 I begin to break out with the Small Pox ———

15..16..17..18..19 Nothing extraordinary the Small Pox is Turning, the greatest
of my Suffering is hunger since I was Innoculated, one of
our Waiters who was Innoculated after he came to
wait upon us has had it the Natural way, he having
had it before and broke out with it in two days,
after he was Innoculated. — and is dead, Lieut. Savage
is getting better, Nothing very extraordinary happens
from this time to the 10th. of February — when Major
Meigs is Carried to the Hottel — dieu ———

Which is a nunnery & a Hospital, he having a swelling under his
arm, and the remainder of us who have had the Small pox are
removed into the room which we were first put into with
the other officers, we Spend our time in reading in the
forenoon, and at Cards in the afternoon, and endeavour
to make ourselves as happy as possible under our present
disagreeable Circumstances, We hear a great deal of bad
News, but none that is good — We are told that General
Washington, with his army made an attempt to Storm
Boston, but had lost 1000 men, some killd and the
rest were wounded, we have been informd of Montreals
being retaken by the Canadians four or five times —
We are told that Genl Lee, in marching to New-york with
3000 men lost them all to 300, by desertion for want of
Cloathing — We are informd that Genl Amherst
is arrived at New-york with 12000 Troops, we are likewise
told that the paper Currency has lost its value, and that
the Congress is impeached with dishonesty by the people,
but we give no heed to any such Rumours —

March 10 We had a square of Glass put into the door that opens
into our room, and two Centinels Stands looking in all
the time, and a lamp is kept burning all night — in our
Room, and Two Centinels Stands under our window who
are ordered to fire upon any of us who attempted to
to open either of the windows in the night, no person
is allowed to come into our room but the Field offic.
of the day, and the officer of the Guard —
not even our washer-woman —

16 Being indisposd I got liberty to go to the Hotel dieu to day —
I remaind at the Hotel dieu, until the 31st day of March 2d
nothing very extraordinary happend during this time, I recover.
my health in a few days after I got there, I saw one of my
men there who informd me that all my Company has had
the Small Pox, and not one of them died with it, which
I think is something remarkable, we are all, now ordered to
the Seminary, we are told for want of wood in the Garrison,

April 1 We are informd that six men who are prisoners in this Town, were
last night detected in the execution of a plan in order to make their
Escape, for which reason, they are all put in Irons —

We have two Small Bed-rooms allow'd us to Sleep in, being too much Crouded in one room ——

1 This day our people open'd a four Gun Battery, at Point Levi and play'd upon the Town. — there was now a very heavy Cannonading from the Town, upon our Battery every day, there was six or seven Balls shot from our Battery into the Garden under our window, & three in it of them struck against the Seminary, —

25 In the Course of this month there has been two or three alarms in Town, the Garrison thought that our people were a bout making an attack ——

Capt. Thayer was detected by the officers of the guard to-day in attempting to open a door that led from the Passage to the Seminary, into an upper loft, and was carried on board a vessel and put in Irons there is Bolts & Locks put upon our doors and we are ordered not to go out of our respective Lodging Rooms after dark until Sometime after Sun-rise —

28 This day Colo. M.Lane, M.r Lanaudeak the Gen.l's Aid-de-camps and several other officers, came into our room & took Capt. Lockwood, & Capt. Handfield and Carried them off, without saying any thing to them, but we heard since it was reported that they had Tamper'd with a Centinel, they were likewise put in Irons on Board the Vessel where Capt. Thayer was ——

29 Our people open'd a Two Gun Battery to-day upon the opposite side of the Town from Point Levi a cross the River S.t Charles and play'd upon the Town, we are likewise inform'd that they are about opening another Battery on the Heights of Abraham, there is a Constant Cannonading on both sides every day ——

May 4 As I was laying down my book this Evening about Ten of the Clock, preparing for bed, I heard a Centinel hale a ship, which very much surprized me, as I expected Some Relief had arrived, But Soon was undeceived by a brisk fire of Cannon, and Small arms, & the ringing of the alarm Bell, as also hearing a great confusion in all parts of the Town, we now Concluded, that our people made an attack upon the Town, we soon discover'd a fire ship in the River, near the Lower Town, which was Sent as we Since heard, in order to set fire to the Shipping in the Lower Town, which must Consequently set fire to the Lower Town, But the same time we heard Gen.l

Howe with his Troops had drawn up near the Town, with their Ladders ready to scale the walls, when ever the Lower Town was on fire, but as the fire ships failed the attack was not made

6 This day forenoon, three ships arrived from England to the great Joy of the Garison, but much to our mortification as we now gave over all hopes of being relieved, and Consequently of seeing our families again until we had first taken a Voyage to England and there Payed for Rebels, as we have often been told by the officers of the Garison, that that, would be the case,

The Ships that have arrived Brought the 29th Regiment with them, who landed, and at 12 o Clock, the Regim.t with 5 or 6 Hundred of the Garrison marched out of Town, and two of the Frigates which arrived to-day, went up the River, and an armed Schooner. Towards Night, the Troops return'd back to Town, and said they drove the Yankees off — and took a large quantity of Cannon, Ammunition, and Baggage from the Americans, which indeed proved too true, But from the accounts we have had since from Lieut.t M.Dougle, who was taken in a schooner at Point Aux Trembles by the two Frigates & an armed Schooner, that went up the River the day they arrived, we find that Gen.l Wooster's Troops began to decamp, the day before the Troops arrived, by reason there was a Large Fleet in the River, but what Baggage they left was not very Considerable, there are more or less ships coming in daily, we are inform'd that there are 15000 Men destined for Canada, the 29th Regiment has arrived here from Boston, who bring acct. that Gen.l Howe with his Troops has evacuated Boston & came to Halifax, pursuant to Orders received from home — —

10 I Lately marched out to day towards Montreal, we have Liberty to walk the Seminary Garden for our recreation to-day, which is a very excellent Garden for Canada. — —

Maj.r Meigs has obtained Liberty of the Gen.l to go home to New London on his Parole — —

13 Mr. Lovius Came to see me to-day, & informed me, that if I would endeavour to assist him in getting his family to him from Portsmouth, he would use his influence with the Gen.l to get leave for me to go home with Maj.r Meigs

On Parole, but he told me I must not depend much upon going
as he thought it very uncertain whether he should succeed or
not, notwithstanding I depended much upon going, as I thought
his influence with the Gen.l would be great, he being one of
the Council, Judge of the Admiralty, & Judge of the Superior
Court at Montreal ——

11 Major Meigs was sent for to wait upon the Gen.l who
inform'd him the Vessel would sail in a day or two, in
which he was to go to Halifax, when the Major came back
& having nothing of Mr Lewis's returning leave for me
to go home I then began to despair, and accordingly
wrote a letter to my wife to send by the Major ——

16 At one o'Clock P.M. Mr Lewis came to see me, & in my
great Joy, inform'd me that the Gen.l had given his Consent
for me to go home, on Parole, & that we should sail this after-
noon, —— at 5. of the Clock the Town Major came for Major
Meigs & myself, to go to the Lieu.t Governor to give our
Parole, the verbal agreement we made was, that if ever
there was an exchange of Prisoners, we were to have
the benefit of it, and whilst then we were not, to take
up arms against the King. after giving our Parole from
under our hands, we were carried before the Gen.l who
appear'd to be a very humane tender hearted man. after
wishing us a good Voyage, & saying he hoped to give the
remainder of our officers the same Liberty, he desir'd the
Town Major to conduct us on Board, we desir'd leave
to see the Gentlemen in prison but could not obtain it,
after getting our Baggage & taking leave of our fellow prisoners
we went on Board a Schooner, which we are to go to Halifax in,
but as she did not sail to day, we were invited on Board
the Admirals Ship, where we were very genteely used,
and Lodged all night ——

17 We sailed this morning, a.o. Clock, we past down to the lower
end of the Island of Orleans, the wind being ahead we were
obliged to Cast Anchor, at Two of the Clock P.M. we went on
Shore upon Orleans bought some Fresh Eggs, Orleans is
a very pleasant Island, but the Inhabitants are extremely
Ignorant ——

18 We weighed Anchor at 4 this morning, & had a fine breeze
at 2 Clock we struck on the Rocks call'd the Pots
of Cavidre, which is eighteen Leagues from Quebec.
we were in great danger of staying to pieces. —

Lucky for us we got off, those we saw a great many white Porpuse which were very large ——— We came to and Anchor this Night by Hare Island, which is 36 Leagues from Quebec. ———

19 We have sept at this morning, we have but very little wind the River here is 5 Leagues in Wedth, we fell down to the Isle of Weath, which is 50 Leagues from Quebec, where we found his Majestys Ship Niger, which is a 32 Gun Frigate, and an armd Schooner lying at Anchor, we Cast our Anchor here at Sunset ———

20 We weighed Anchor here this morning at 11, we had a small Breeze Some Rain, and a very large Sea. at Six a Clock we had both our Masts Sprung, which were barely Saved from going overboard, we made a signal of distress to the above mentiond Vessels, which we were in sight of. who gave us immediate relief, we put back to the Ship as fast Sail as we could, and after the Schooner was examind by the Carpenters, it was order'd back to Quebec. and we were put on Board the Niger, which was now going to Sail, bound for Halifax. — at 11 a Clock this evening we met with Two Men of war and several Transports ———

21 This morning we met 32 Transports with Troops on Board under Command of Gen.l Burgoyne, said to be 6000 Troops in the whole on Board this Fleet ———

22 We entered the Gulph of S.t Laurence this afternoon, at 5 in the afternoon we passd Anticosta ———

23 at Noon of the Clock we passd the Magdalen Islands ———

24 This morning we made the Isle of St. Johns, this afternoon we made the Isle of Cape Breton ———

25 at 2 Clock P.M. we entered the gut of Canso, passd that & was brought to, having no wind we Cast Anchor ———

26 having no wind we Catched plenty of fish ———

27 We Sailed sept this morning at 9 a Clock, had a fresh breeze, at 12 a Clock we entered the Canthick ———

28 This day we have a fair wind, but a very thick fogg ———

29 We made Land within 15 Leagues of Halifax, the wind is Contrary ———

30 This morning we entered the mouth of Halifax Harbour, as we passd sept the City Town this a very handsome appearance, at 12 a Clock we came to Anchor, near the Town but two —

We went on Shore, the Land on which this Town is Built rises
gradually unto it forms a beautiful eminence, Cal'd the
Citadel Hill, the Town is handsomely laid out, the Buildings
are but Small, in general, at the upper end of the Town
there is a very good Dock yard, handsomely built with Stone
and Lime, in which there are some handsome Buildings,
Major Meigs Waited on his Excellency Gen.l Howe this
afternoon, with some dispatches from Gen.l Carleton ——

1 Gen.l Howe after some Conversation desir'd us to wait on him
again, on Monday next, & he promis'd us he would inform us when
and how we should have a passage to New England, with the
Some officers, and others who were prisoners in Halifax. Viz.t
Capt.t Mortingdell, of Rhode Island who was taken in a private
Sloop Scott who was taken at Bunker Hill the 17.th of June last
and a number of others amounting in the whole to 20.. persons —
this day we took Lodgings at one Riders Tavern ——

3.. 4.. 5 We remained on Shore, until 3.. o.. Clock this afternoon, then we
embarked on Board his Majesties Ship Scarborough ——

6 Lord Piercy din'd on board the Scarborough, at his coming
on Board he was Saluted by 13 Guns from this Ship, & the
Same Number from Several Ships that lay near us, I went
a shore to day and found an opportunity of writing to my
fellow prisoners in Quebec, which I gladly embraced ——

7.. 8.. 9 We Still remain'd here expecting every day to sail ——

10 at 10.. o.. Clock this morning we Sail'd, we had a fair Irish Brez

11 Little wind to day ——

12 The wind is not fair, we are beating of Capes Sable ——

13 The wind is Contrary we are beating off.d ——

14 This morning we enter'd the Bay Fundy, at 3.. o.. Clock P.M. we
pass'd Salmon Rt. a small Village Sam.l inform'd 15.. or 18.. Sail
of Small Vessels com'd at Sea o.. Clock we were abreast of Long
Island, the wind is fair & fresh, we pass'd a Number of small
Islands, & Rocks to day, particularly Gannets Rock, which
was Cover'd with white Fowl, in such Numbers, that at a
distance it looks like a small Hill, Cover'd with Snow,
these Fowl are Call'd Gannets or Solen Geese, they are
almost as large as our Common Geese ——

15 The wind N.E. we pass'd Petet. Passage, to day ——

16 We pass'd high Islands the wind is fair for us to go to
Cumberland, where we are Ord'd ——

17 At 11. Clock P.M. we came to anchor in Cumberland Bay about 7 miles from the Town. the Country has a very pleasant appearance from where we lye, I am in a disagreeable Situation to-day, but there is not such a scence of Slaughter, and Bloodshed, as I was in this day 12 Months ——— for Cape

18 This day we applyd to the Capt. to go on shore but were refusd ——

19 We Sent on Shore, & Bought 2. Fowl at 3. Lawful, dear indeed ——

20 We understand we are to sail the first fair wind, we had a fine dinner to-day, one Fowl roasted, and another Boild, with some pork and Potatoes, I made the best meal that I had made for about Six months past, some of the Inhabitants Brought some sheep along Side to day for which they asked 4 B. price for ——— New England Rum here is 2/4 Lawful p Gallon ———

21 This is the first day that has looked like Summer since I came to Halifax, we expect to sail from here to morrow, if the wind do favour us, every day seems a month to me, I am very Anxious to see my dear family once more, ———

22 We have not to day, and attempted to go down the Bay, but the wind was so fresh against us that we were obliged to come to anchor again, after falling down about 2. Leagues ——

23 The wind blew very Strong & Contrary against us ———

24 We had a heavy gale of wind at 8. P.M. last night, it was Supposd that we were in great danger, of driving on Shore, but by letting go another Anchor, we Rode it out without any damage, the wind remains Still Contrary ———

25 At 12. o. Clock to day we Sailed from Cumberland with a fresh Breeze ———

26 at 3. o Clock this morning we came to anchor at the mouth of Annapolis Harbour seven Leagues from the Town. from Fort Cumberland to this place is 30 Leagues Annapolis Bay lays on the east side of the Bay of Fundy, the Land at the Mouth of the Harbour, is very Mountainous, and Barren, as is almost all the Land on this Coast which I have Seen, ——— at 3. o. Clock P.M. we weighed Anchor and past up the River, and at 6. o. Clock came to anchor at Annapolis Town, which appears to have 50. or 60 Houses in it, and a fortification; Several miles before we came to the Town, there are Some Inhabitants,

On both sides the River, where there is Several very good Orchards, the Land in general, is Cold, Spruce bad Clothing Land, but there is very fine Marshes here, which makes a very pretty appearance, as we Sailed up the River ——

27 We applyd for leave to go ashore to-day, but was Refusd the weather is very pleasant —— This afternoon I was Seized with a violent pain in my head, and Soon afterwards, I was Seized with a Sickness in my Stomach, after vomiting very heartily, I felt some relief at my Stomach, but the pain in my head increasd, I was visited by the Surgeon of the Ship, who said I was in a high fever, & urged me to take a puke, which Operated very well upon me, after heaving up a large quantity of Bile, I found myself much better, and a tolerable Night Rest ——

28 I find myself very weak and feverish, I have had blood let, after which I felt much better, I am now in hopes of escaping a fever, which last night, I was much afraid of. ——

29 The weather is very fine, we heard to day, that the Milford Ship of 28 Guns, has taken a Privateer of 18 Guns, belonging to Newbury Port, Commanded by one Tracy, we Bought some Veal to-day at 6— Sterling P. pound, which is very Cheap, call'd Veal, at 7 o Clock we left the Soadbrough D.D. This morning we come to Sail with a good Breeze, we are extremely well Treated by Capt. Graves, and the other officers on Board at 7 o Clock this evening we are abreast of Grand Manan; ——

July 1 We have very little wind, the weather is very Cloudy, at 12 o Clock We have a brisk Breeze and a thick Fog ——

2 The weather remains Foggy, we have a light Breeze; our General Course is S.S.W, but as the weather is thick, and we not willing to fall in with the Land, untill it is Clear, we keep running off and on waiting for the weather to Clear up ——

3 The weather is Clear, we are in Sight of Mount Desert, we have a fresh Breeze at N.W, We are Steering for Machias, at 3 o Clock, as we were about entering Machias harbour, we espied three Small Sail to windward, the Capt. Sent a Barge after them, at 6 o Clock the Barge returnd with a small fishing Schooner as a Prize, they informd the Capt. that there was a small Privateer along Shore, which fired Several Shot at them, at Seven o Clock the Capt. order'd about 20 hands on board the Schooner ——

which they had taken, with some Blunder Busses and Ball arms, and sent them off, after the Privateer, which was in sight when the Schooner left the Ship, which was about Sunrise —

1 We are Cruising up and down from Mount Desart to Machias waiting for the Schooner which went after the Privateer last Night, the weather very fine — — at 2 o. Clock P. M. the Boats returned with Two small fishing boats and two men we Anchored this Night by an Island, called Moshus about three Leagues from Machias Harbour, the boats were sent out this morning, and took a small fishing Schooner loaded with fish belonging to Falmouth, and named Mary, by the men found on Board, the people all left her, and went off in a canoe, when they found they were like to be taken, we lay at anchor here all day —

6 This morning Capt. Graves gave two of the men, who were taken in some of the fishing Boats, liberty to take one of the same, (by the name of Wallas: & Dyer) belonging to Naniguagod, a few leagues below Mount Desart, upon their promising to carry Major Moore, & myself to Cross Bay, and at 12 o. Clock we left the Ship and went up as far as Naniguagod, which is about 5 Leagues, and went on Shore, to one Capt. Wallas's where we were very genteelly entertained —

7 This day being Sunday, we went to meeting, the weather is very warm, we found the people all in arms, to oppose any boats from the men of War, that attempted to land as they were apprehensive of their coming to plunder for fresh Meat, — —

8 At seven o. Clock in the morning we sailed for Cross Bay, we made no stay here this night, we are off about 4 o. Mount Desart,

9 We had a light Breeze this morning at 8 o. we passed the Bay of Penobscot, this afternoon, we passed the Isle of Holt, we saw a number of very Large whales to day, at 5 o. Clock this afternoon, we passed Pemaquid Harbour, a few Leagues without this Harbour, is a number of small Islands, called the Silley Islands, at 9 o. Clock this evening, we came to an Anchor in a small bay —

Called Island Harbour, where there are several families
it is on the West side of Penobscot Bay ———

10 This morning we set sail at Sun-rise, but the Fogg being very thick we were obliged to put back to the same Harbour again ——— we went on Shore and got some milk and Greens (at 9 o. Clock) the weather Clear'd up a little and we put to Sea, but soon after we had sail'd, it came on very foggy again, it was so Foggy and Calm, that we concluded to go back into the Harbour again ——— where we came to Anchor at 2 o. Clock P. M. Majr. Meigs & I agreed to take our Sand Sacks on board and sail the Boat ——— We walked 2 miles & Came to a river, Called George's River, we Cross'd the same and Came, to a Village Called George's Town, we walked Two miles, and Came to a river Call'd Madamcook, which we Cross'd and Came to a Village call'd Madamcook, where there Lives 10 families, we Tarried here one Night ———

11 We Started this morning for Broad Bay, which is Six miles distant from here, at 9 o. Clock we arrived at said Bay where there is a fine Settlement, the inhabitants seem to Live very well, we were very Genteely Treated by Esqr. Thomas, of said place, who I found was Nephew to Genl. Thomas in the Continental Army, said Thomas favour'd us with his Horse & Carry our Sacks as far as Damcooty which is eight miles, we Cross'd Damcooty River & walked Two miles to one Barbers Tavern, in a place Called Newcastle, here Stayed all night, ———

12 We hired Horses to go to Sheepscott River, where we we arrived at 9 o. Clock, we sent the Horses back again and Cross'd the River called Sheepscott, and walked one mile, and met some people to work on the High-way, we were asked into a house to eat some dinner, here we hired Two Horses to go to Kennebeck River, which is 15 miles, we Cross'd Kennebeck River, at Sun-set & walked one mile, there Lodged at Mr. Lambert's Tavern, ———

13 We hired said Lambert's Brother & Horses to Carry us to Falmouth, at 9 o. Clock we started, at 11 o. Clock we Cross'd Brown's Ferry on Stephen's River, at 12 o. Clock we arrived

At Brunswick which is 30 Miles from Casco, he we dined, here are a number of elegant Buildings, & the Ruin of an old Fort, called Brunswick Fort, at 1 .. O .. Clock P. M, we left Brunswick, after passing thro, Yarmouth woods, which is 10 Miles, we passed through North Yarmouth and at Sunset we arrived at Knights Tavern, which is 5 Miles to the eastward of Falmouth, and there put up and Tarryed all night ——

14 We Started early this morning for Falmouth, when we arrived at Falmouth, there we found a sloop ready to Sail, in which Several Masters of Vessels belonging to New England, who came from Halifax, were going Passengers We also embarked on Board said Sloop, at 10 .. O .. Clock Sailed for Portsmouth, having but very little wind & that quite Contrary, we made but small headway ——

15 This morning we are abreast of Wood Island, at 5 .. O .. Clock P. M. we are abreast of Old York, and the wind ahead ——

16 This morning we are abreast of the Isle of Shoals, [illegible] we have a small Breeze and are Running for the Light-house in Portsmouth Harbour, which plased rejoiced me very much to see once more, at 10 .. O .. Clock A. M. Arrived at Portsmouth to my Great joy, and at Sunset arrived Safe at my own Home at Nottingham, & found my wife well, & my Children alive, & my friends in General, well .. .. ——

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4th The Place where Mohawk River unites into the four Rivers in three different Branches this Place is about 9 miles from Albany —

19th Genl. Gates take Command of the Northern army this Day which Occasions all the Joy imaginable

20th we have the Glorious News this Day of the Signal victory that Genl. Stark has obtained over the Forces of Burgoyne Where he has killed & taken about 800 men besides a large Quantity of Baggage & Artillery, &c. —

21st I went to Albany this Day to take Care of the Effects of the brave Capt. Mann who Died a few Days since of the wound he Received in the action at Fort Anne the 8th Inst. —

22d a Returned to Camp

23d Nothing worth Notice this Day —

24th This Day we are Informed that the Enemy have made a Retreat from their Encampment & are repulsed with Confusion & Shame in Consequence of which they Surrendered by Capitulation the 17th Inst. —

25th Nothing worth Notice this Day —

26th This Day the 7th Regiment above were Ordered Returned this Day to their own Brigade.

27th Cold Weather this Day & we still are in Camp this 28th Day —

28th Genl. Arnold with Several Companies Left Camp this Day & Joined us this Day —

29th Nothing worth Notice this Day —

30th A Court of Enquiry was Ordered & held this Day for the Purpose of Enquiring into the Conduct of Capt. Hay of the 8th Regiment who Deserted to the Enemy on the 17th Inst. —

9th we are making all [illegible] preparation, to meet the Enemy
our Brigade is mustered & Cary by Col. Patrick —

10th we are ordered to hold our Selves in Readiness to march at a
moments warning to meet the Enemy — we are Joined by
a Brigade of Dolg's Militia from Connecticut, Both
Foot & horse — —

11th we Expect Every hour to have orders to marching
this Evening we Received orders to Strike our Tents & Equip for
a move in morning & march toward the Enemy —

12th we Encamped the River Saraneck about 8 miles & Day & Encamped —

13th we marched about 10 miles this morning & Skirmished &
Encamped on the Heights — they came to Gen. Gates
Day from Gen. Burgoyne with a Draft & some Baggage &
Provisions for them Sick & wounded taken at Bennington

14th we are Bearing to the right —

15th the troops is all over the River & are appointed to the
of 300 Light Infantry who are Draughted from the
Regiments in the Northern army & to act in Conjunction with Col. Morgans
Corps of Riflemen. —

16th I Joined the Light Infantry this morning which with
the Riflemen are incamped about 2 miles advanced
Main —

17th this morning the whole army advanced about 4 miles
& then Encamped Heights, a very advantageous
Post & incamped —

18th Col. Butler & the Riflemen & myself with 200 men went out
as a scout Near Saratoga to Endeavour to find out
the situation of the Enemy But Being misled By Our guide
we made no great Discoveries, & tarried all night.

19th After Reconoytering the woods Round Saratoga we Returned
to Camp —

20th from Some Intelligence we Received Last Night we Expected to have been

50 Attacted this morning. But ware Disappointed
Genr.l Stark Came on the Day with his Brigade from Bratt.n Corner
the Enimy are ~~on their Way~~ advancing towards us —
18th we marched with 3000 men ~~to Day~~ to attack the Enim
~~if they are on their way towards us~~ — we fell in
with ~~the~~ some Small Parties & took about 30 Pris.
19th hearing this morning that the Enimy were advancing ~~on their~~
~~way towards us~~, the Rifle & Light Infantry Comd.d
turned out to meet the Enimy & about 2 miles from
our Camp we fell in with their advanced Guard
& attacted them about 12 O Clock, after fighting abo
half an hour Being over Powered with Numbers we
were Obliged to Retire to a hight, about ~~50 rods~~ 50 rods
~~back~~ & there were Reinforced with Col.o Gilleys
Regiment, who attacted a Body of the Enimy with
a great Deal of Spirit, I Ran to his assistance
with the Light Infantry, But he was Obliged
to Retreet Before I Came up. — Col.o Scammells
& Hales Regiments then Came to our Assistence
it was Now about 2 O Clock P.M. when a ver
Heavy fire Commenced on both Sides, which Co
tinued until Dark. the Enimy Brought almost
their whole force against us, together with 6 Peic
of Artilery. But we who had Something more at
stake then fighting for six Pence Pr Day kept our
ground til Night Closed the Scene & then Both
Parties Retired. our Loss was about 180 killed 200 wounded
& 20 taken Prisoners. among the Dead were the Brave
Col.o Colburn & Adams Capt.n & Lt. Billy & Lt. Thomas all
of N. Hampshire, the Loss of those Brave men
are

are very greatly Lamented in the Army, But as it was a Debt that they & Every one Owe their Country I Believe they Paid it with Chearfullness. — the Loss the Enimy Sustaind this Day from the Best Accounts, was about 3:00 killd & 500 ~~Wounded~~ wounded & about 20 Prisoners: on this Day has Been fought one of the Greatest Battles that Ever was fought in Amarica, & I Trust we have Convinced the British Butchers that the Cowardly yankies can & when their is a Call for it, will, fight — —

20th We Expect a General Battle this Day, — but no fighting, to Day — —

21st the Enimy have Retired about 1 mile from the field of Battle & are fortifying, our army are also fortifying —

22d we hourly Expect a General Battle — —

23d about 100 Oneyda Indians who Joind us the Day after the Battle, have Brought in more or less Prisoners Every Day —

24th A Concederable Body of Millitia have Joine us to Day from Different Parts —

25th we Supprisd a Small Pigquit of the Enimies ~~to Day~~

26th we took 18 Prisoners this Day —

27th Nothing new to Day —

28th Several Deserters Came in from the Enimy ~~to Day~~

29th 10 Deserters Came in ~~to Day~~ —

30th 7 Prisoners Were Brought in this morning —

5th Our Camp was Allarmd this morning By hearing that the Enimy ware Comeing out in three Collum to attack us, our army in General seem ~~anxious~~ for an other Battle, — No fighting to day — our army has Been Reinforcd since the Battle of the 19th Instt with at Least 3000 Millitia who appear ~~in~~ in high Spirits.

October 1st 1777 this month Begins with Pleasent weather & a fine Prospect Before us, & if Mr Burguayne & his army are not Subdued this month, it will be for want of Spirit in us, or for the want of that Divine Assistence which has not fail'd us here to fore.

2d we took about 40 Prisoners, ~~to day~~, we had also a Body of Millitia Joind us ~~to day~~. —

3d we took Several Prisoners, ~~to day~~ —

4th Several Deserters came to us, ~~to day~~ —

5 we took a Number of Prisoners, ~~to day~~ —

6 I went out a scout ~~to day~~ with Coll Morgan & 800 men, we went in the Rear of the Enimy took 7 Prisoners & are Returnd, Night coming on, Together with a heavy Rain, we got Bewildered in the woods, & Stayd all Night out —

7th we came in this morning from our Scout & By the Time we had Refresh'd our Selves, which was about 12 o Clock we found a Body of the Enimy ware Advancing toward our Lines, the Rifle men & Light Infantry ware Sent Immediately Round upon their Right flank, Some other Regiments ware Sent out to meet them, a Scattering fire Commenced of Both Cannon

& muskettoes. & about 3 O'Clock Cannonell Gillespy
& Hales Regiment [illegible] & about 4 O'Clock
the Battle Began Between the 3 Last mentioned Regiments
& the Enimy's main Body — we with the Riflemen
& Light Infantry fell on upon the Enimy's Right
flank & Rastly in their Rear, which soon Obliged
them to Quit their heavy Artillery & a Concidenable
Number of waggons with Amonition & other Stores
& at the same time finding us in their Rear, their
main Body Gave way, Leaving Several other Peices
of Cannon. they then all Retreated with great
precepitation & Confusion, we followed them about
3/4 of a mile in which they Attempted Several times
to make a stand But Could Not until they got
within their out Lines. in this time we were Reinforced
By Several Regiments, Immediately after the Enimy
got into their own works we attacked them & Carried them
found their Tents Standing & Several Peices of Artillery
in their Lines, & Several field officers & a Number
of other officers & Soldiers. & the Enimy Retired down
near the River into their Strongest works — we took
the day. Lt Frances Clark wounded. Aidedcamp to Genl
Burgoyn. Majr Dolan of the Granideers. Majr Williams
of the artillery. Lord Petersham. & Several Hundred field
officers & Several other officers of Different Rank. &
about 240 Rank & file. their Loss in killed was very
Concidenable. among which was Genl Fraser —

54 our Loss was very inconsiderable Except that of Genr.
Arnolds Receiveing a wound in his Leg in forceing
the Enemies Lines. we Remaind all night in their
Lines. we took 8 Peices of Brass Cannon to Day
in the whole 2 of which were Double fortify.d 12 Pounds
8th this morning Morgans the Rifle men & Light Infantry
& several other Regiments marched in the Rear of the
Eniny Expecting they were Retreating but found they
were not. there has Been Skirmishing all Day in which
Genr.l Lincoln got wounded in the Leg. a Large Number
of the Eniny Deserted to us to Day —
9th this morning we found the Eniny had Evacuated their
whole of their Lines & had Left about 500 Sick &
wounded on the ground & a Considerable Quantity of
Provision. the Rifle men & Light Infantry were
sent Immediately to take Possession of their works
we marched about one mile above their Lines & a heavy
Rain Comeing on we Stay.d all Night. the Eniny
March.d about 4 miles & Incamp.d Near Saratoga.
where they found Genr.l Fellows with a body of
Militia in their Lines —
10th there is Some Cannonadeing at Saratoga this morning
Between Mr. Burgoyn & Genr.l Fellows. we Eniny
marched this morning for Saratoga where we found
the Eniny in great Confusion. they had Left Large
Quantity of Baggage Scattered along the Rode & Brass
12 Pounder which they had Buried in the ground. But very soon
A heavy Cannonadeing was kept up all Day & Night —
& a Scattering fire of musketry —

11th this morning at Day Break the Rifle men & Light Infantry march'd across fish Creek, & fell in with the Enimys guards in a thick Fog who kill'd 1 Lt. & 2 men, we then found our selves Close to the Enimy works where their whole Army lay & are about 500 strong. the Enimy on one side & a River which was fordable on Scattering Logs on the other side. we Remain'd in this situation about 2 hours before we were Reinforced, we then were reinforced with Genl. Learnards Brigade, the Enimy began a brisk Cannonade upon us which kill'd several men but we soon got the guns & began to Dislodge them from their Entrenchments, we took a Number of Prisoners this day ——— this afternoon Genl. Poor & Patterson's Brigade Came over fish Creek & Join'd us on field Piece & Small Arms ——— the Latter Chiefly as they Did yesterday about 20 Deserters Came in to us ——— The Rifle men & Light Infantry Back Past in the Rear of the Enimy & incamp'd ———

12th the Light Troops moved to the main River in the Rear of the Enimy. Left Some Small Parties to watch the Roads & paths while the Remainder of Light Troops Reconnoitred the Enimys Camp. we took 14 Prisoners and went to that in full View of their Camp. Lt. Brad[illegible] & then moved down near Genl. Poors Brigade who Lay on the Enimys Right wing & Gently in their Rear & incamp'd. Cannonade is kept up on both Sides [illegible]

14th at 10 O Clock this Day a flag Came from Genrl Burguoyn with Some Proposels of Capitulation in Consiguence of which a Sesation of armes was agreed on until Sun Set in which Time Several flags Passed Between Genrl Gates & Burguoyne —

15th in Consiguence of the flags yesterday, a Sesation of Armes is agreed on this Day —

16th there is a Capitulation Agreed on —

17th this Day the Great Mr. Burguoyn with his whole Army Surrendered themselves as Prisoners of war with all their Publick Stores, & after Grounding their armes marched of for New England the greatest [illegible] known. —

the following is a True account of Britons Loss in the Northern Department in america this year

At Fuhertons, fort Ann Benington, fort Stanwix, Hill waters & Saratoga &c &c &c in killd wounded & taken in the whole ~~[illegible]~~ 10250 men & 47 Peices of Brass Artillery Besides a vast Quantity of Store, Baggage &

18th the whole Army are Ordered to march Down the River towards Albany this Day. & haveing Intiligence on the Road that Genrl Clinton was indeavouring to get up to Albany & Burn it as he had Vessels & other Boats, we were ordered to march to Albany to Night which is 38 miles where we arived at 12 O Clock at Night but Did not see Mr Clinton —

19th we incamped on the hights about Albany this Day

20th Nothing Extraordinery this Day —

21. 22 23. there is some Cloathing Drawing for the men

24th Colo Morgan march.d this Day with the Rifle men down for the Southward & Genr. Poors Brigade Crossd the River & march.d Down toward fish kill —

25 & 26 I Lay at Albany with the Light Infantry Nothing Extraordinery happened Except that of my getting some Cloaths. — —

27th this Day a very heavy Rain came on which continued until the 29th. It is said So heavy a Rain Was Never known here Before —

30th this Day I march.d with the Light Infantry Down the River 12 miles to a Place Call.d Luemens & incamp.d —

31st this Day Genr.l Glover, & Genr.l Pattersons Brigades march.d Down & incamp.d at Luemens — —

Novem.r 1st I have fine weather good Quarters & good Living which is Something New to me —

8 as yesterday —

3 Do —

4 Do —

5 Do —

6 Do —

7 I went to albany this Day to See Genr.l Gates, the Light Infantry under my Command are Dismiss.d this Day & I Set Sail for fish kill

8th on my way to fish kill —
9th Do —
10th arrivd at fish kill & joind my Regiment —
11th we are Preparing to march for Philadelphia
12 as yesterday.
13 we marchd to Peeks kill —
14 we crossd kings ferry & incampd —
15 marchd to Sufferns 18 miles & incampd
16th marchd 18 miles & incampd
17th marchd to Morristown —
18th marchd 12 miles —
19th marchd 16 miles
20th crossd the River Delaware
21 marchd 18 miles —
joind the main army at white plains —
ing New —
24 Nothing Extraordinary
25 Do —
26 Do
27 Do
28 Do
29 Do
30 Do

Decemr 1 we have very Poor Living —
2 Nothing New
3 Do
4 Do

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